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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
Codani, et al.	:	DECISION DISMISSING
Application No. 10/723,522	:	STATUS UNDER 37 CFR
Filed: November 26, 2003	:	1.47(a)
Docket No.: GIO-001.01	:	
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS	:	
FOR SEQUENCE COMPARISON	:	
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This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed October 21, 2004.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. Failure to respond will result in abandonment of the application. Any extensions of time will be governed by 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed November 26, 2003 without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed April 22, 2004 requiring, *inter alia*, an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires: (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings); (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116; (3) the petition fee; and (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The instant petition fails to satisfy item (2) set forth above. Petitioners have failed to present a declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63. The declaration presented with the instant petition is unacceptable as it contains alterations that have not been initialed. See, 37 CFR 1.52(c). Any renewed petition must be accompanied by a proper oath or declaration in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 37 CFR 1.64.

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